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Applicants: Wolfgang Dultz et al.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Final Office Action mailed on February 14, 2003 finally rejecting claims 15, 17 and 20.

This is also a Request pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a) by which Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action so that the original three month period is extended from May 14, 2003 to August 14, 2003. An

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Amendment is being filed concurrently (attached hereto) with this Notice of Appeal.

The Amendment / Notice of Appeal + Request for Extension + Transmittal are hand-printed due to an extensive power outage in the Northeastern U.S., affecting New York City where Applicants' attorney and file reside. Applicants pray that this Notice of Appeal, Extension Request and Amendment and fees are accepted.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the 37 CFR § 1.41 Notice of Appeal fee, which is believed to be \$320.00 and the 37 CFR § 1.136(a) three-month extension fee, which is believed to be \$930.00, and two additional not independent claim fee of \$84.00, to the deposit account number 11-0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon. The Commissioner is also authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees, including any additional Rule 136(a) extension fees to deposit account number 11-0600 of Kenyon & Kenyon. Two duplicate copies (albeit hand-printed so that content will be duplicate) of this paper(s) are enclosed for those purposes.

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